

PCT application which were inexplicably stapled to the back of the U.S. application.

Restriction was required between the following groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-11 drawn to a starch;

Group II - Claims 12, 16, and 17 drawn to a process for making a starch;

Group III - Claims 13-17 drawn to a process for making a starch;

Group IV - Claims 18-28 drawn to a flour;

Group V - Claims 29, 33, and 34 drawn to a process for making a flour; and

Group VI - Claims 3-32 and 34 drawn to a process for making a flour.

Applicants elect Claims 12, 16, and 17 (Group II) drawn to a process for making a starch. Applicants traverse the restriction between Group II and Group III (Claims 13-17) because of the additional step of pH adjusting the granular starch prior to the step of dehydrating the granular starch. It is respectfully pointed out that since Groups II and III are both classified in Class 127, subclass 34, a search for both Groups II and III would not be unduly burdensome.

2. Please disregard the Preliminary Amendment mailed December 5, 1995 which cancelled food end use Claims 14 and 28. Food end use claims are not present in the U.S. application. They were present in the PCT application whose claims were stapled to the back of the U.S. application.

Applicant's attorney apologizes for any confusion this
has caused.

Respectfully submitted,

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